Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Progress is the result of activities of individuals–South Dakota farms, ranches, and homes are what they are today because individuals, many times under hardship and difficult conditions, willed that development and progress should be made; and,

Whereas, Ron Alverson, Chester; Larry Gabriel, Quinn; Mildred "Millie" Gross, Madison; and RaeJean Gee, Brookings, have made exceptional contributions to agriculture, agribusiness, and family life in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, These South Dakotans have given unselfishly of their talent, time, and leadership abilities to public programs, educational institutions, and churches; and,

Whereas, They are recognized leaders in agricultural associations, community service organizations, educational groups, and governmental entities throughout their communities, state, and nation; and,

Whereas, Their efforts have strengthened the future of their communities, their state, and their nation; and,

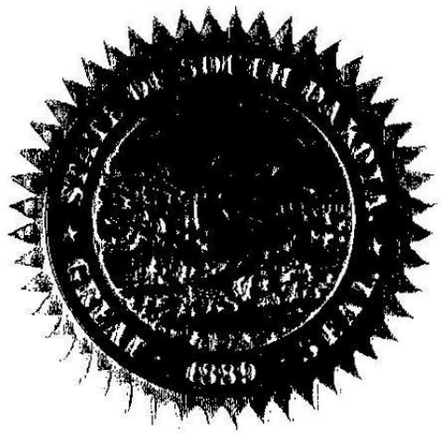
Whereas, These four individuals have previously received many awards, honors, and recognition for their contributions to society; and,

Whereas, In recognition of their efforts, South Dakota State University has conferred upon them the honorary degree of Eminent Farmer and Eminent Homemaker, and placed their portraits in Agricultural Hall:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2009, as

EMINENT FARMER AND HOMEMAKER DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State